

Rivers to Reefs

Educator's Workshop 2009

June 14th -19th or July 12th -17th



Educators of the Rivers to Reef Class of 2008, paddle the Altamaha River

Ever wonder where your rain water goes? Or how you are connected to the Georgia Coast? This weeklong teacher workshop led by the Georgia Aquarium and NOAA'S Grays Reef NMS staff will immerse teachers in a way like no other workshop. Teachers will wade into the watery world for a six-day, jam-packed teacher's workshop full of fantastic field experiences and empowering classroom lessons.

The workshop begins in Atlanta with a visit to the Georgia Aquarium's Learning Loop where participants get a little preview of the watery world they are going to immerse them in.

Field experiences include water quality monitoring, a kayaking trip to the convergence of the Oconee and Ocmulgee Rivers, a boat ride through the Altamaha River Delta to explore the watershed that directly influences Gray's Reef, a trawling trip through the marsh, and a ferry ride over to Sapelo Island to explore the marshes and estuaries. On Sapelo Island participants are immersed in the cultural history of the native islander while investigating the ecology of beach and marsh communities. During our night hike on the beach we may even have the opportunity to observe a female Loggerhead sea turtle laying her eggs as the species has done for over 180 million years!

At the end of each day you will be mentally and physically exhausted, sweaty and perhaps even dirty; however, you will have experienced the watershed, coast and ocean thoroughly. You will explore and investigate with your hands, feet and sometimes your entire body and always with your spirit and mind and sometimes even your soul!

Each day will conclude with a group discussion on how the day's experiences can be incorporated into classroom lessons. We hope this type of group sharing will inspire some great ideas and questions to answer.



Class of 2008 stop for their first water quality test site at High Falls on the Towaliga River

PLU credits are awarded teachers completing the requirements of the workshop.

Leaders for the workshop are:

Cathy Sakas, Education Coordinator, NOAA Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary

Kim Morris-Zarneke, Manager of Education Programs, Georgia Aquarium

Cost: Free

Dates: June 14th – 19th or July 12nd – 17th

Maximum Participants: 16 per workshop

Due to the limited number of spaces, interested teachers must apply and be accepted into the workshop to participate. Applications are due by April 15th.

**Selected participants will be notified on or about May 1st
Send completed applications electronically or by mail to:**

**Kim Morris-Zarneke,
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Georgia Aquarium,
225 Baker St,
Atlanta, GA 30313**

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Application Form - Due April 15th

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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Please note which week would be your first & second choice:

☐ June 14th-19th ☐ July 12th - 17th

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail : _____

Phone: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Name & Address of School: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Grades & Subjects: _____

Approximate Number of Students Taught Per Year: _____

Please answer the following questions on a separate page.

1. How will this workshop help you grow professionally?
2. How do you think this workshop will benefit your students?
3. Explain how we are connected to the Georgia Coast.

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